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SUBJECT: VESCO CITIZENSHIP RENUNCIATION PROCEDURE

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1. EMBASSY DESIRES TO ASSURE ITSELF OF PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN HANDLING OF POSSIBLE VESCO APPEARANCE AT CONSULATE TO RENOUNCE HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP. WE AGREE THAT VESCO PROBABLY BELIEVES HIS PRESENCE IN A U.S. EMBASSY WOULD MAKE HIM VULNERABLE TO SUPOENA OR TO ARREST AND WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT WANT TO GIVE HIM A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION IN ADVANCE. REGARDING OUR PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF A SUDDEN APPEARANCE BY VESCO, HOWEVER, WE HAVE SOME QUESTION. FOR EXAMPLE, CAN WE PROPERLY "STALL" IN ALLOWING HIM TO SIGN RENUNCIATION PAPERS? ANY OTHER TIPS ON THIS DEPARTMENT SUGGESTION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US. IN ADDITION, CAN WE WITHHOLD FACTUAL INFORMATION OR DETAILS OF RENUNCIATION PROCEDURE IF ASKED BY ANY INTERESTED PARTY INCLUDING PRESS?

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT VESCO WILL COME IN, BUT THE RECENT SPATE OF PUBLICITY ABOUT HIS CITIZENSHIP COULD PROMPT HIM TO ACT.
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